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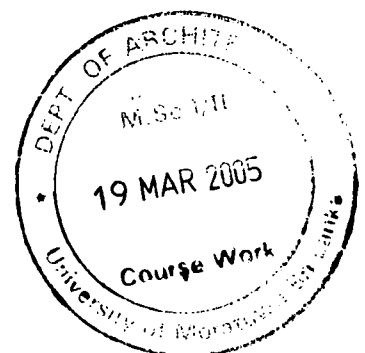
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Abstract.

Psyche of the each individual is concerned important and by healing their minds the perception of them will not destroy the existential space of the city. Because the major impact on the man is, the space he habits and on the space, it is the man who habits. Within this, the cities should develop their spatial medium related to man and his nature.

To make man ease with the things that he is performing, visual space, clues and the progression in which he experience matters because he will have an impact on the space where he habits. And to move him in the direction and to make him stay the streets has to have an effort with the built environment around.



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Introduction

Architecture mainly considered as creating meaningful spaces. Architectural space should be meaningful because it is a creation of man for his habitation. The meaning of the space may alter with the function that the man performs there. And it should guide people while the people are engaging in their life matters.

Today more people are concentrated to the cities. Therefore cities are having the responsibility of serving people for their well being. Being complex and jammed by busy activities the city will build the stress in human mind. That is why the spaces created in the cities must be done with care. Especially the streets, the vessels of the city, where lot of public habitation take place should look after the human in his activities and make him comfortable with its best.

(a) Observation and Topic Explanation.

Present day cities are oriented towards the function of it and looking to gain the maximum profit. There the concern seems financially, functionally sounds but it is more like a machine than a community who live in it. It is evident that the people are not being the priority today but the skills and others which are having a commercial value. This perception of the city is now being embedding to the people and it is clearly evident observing their actions.

In a city people creates spaces for their need and if that is only looking at the productivity as today the created spaces will not take care of the people around. So the cities becoming socially dead then the arising will not be issues addressed. Therefore the special quality of the cities is really important to consider. The streets which give access physically and visually should create spaces around them responding to the functions happening around. There the healing of the psyche of the people should be given the priority.

(b) Criticality and Intention.

Cities are predominantly man made and the spaces created with effect to that can be some times with the association of the natural environment. The streets must be contained in a city, by its nature, while it is providing access mobility and different functions. Therefore the streets play a remarkable role in the play of the city and the message should be conversed to people, as its user. It is critical to handle the spaces in a city but at the same time the streets are critical in terms of the people because the streets create and catch the eye of each and every one. So the way people experience the street and how the streets will speak to people is important in terms of providing proper habitual spaces. Then only the physical stress of the city can be counter balance by improving psychological comfort in minds.

(c) Scope and Limitation.



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The study is primarily concentrated on the streets and how the healing can be achieved in such spaces. This issue is addressed here with special qualities, compositions and their meanings. The study is running through the city and how much the streets are important to a city in its image on people. Therefore history of the streets is looked at with the evolution to analyse the concepts of it by time to time. These concepts will look at the street as an urban space which is life and how the created space affects on human. Here the make of the space with the built environment around is discussed with the association the features of the streetscape.

(d)Method of Study.

The study has undergone through,

- History and the evolution of the street being subjected to the human needs with the local and foreign examples. And the concepts of architectural interpretations looked through the "Nature" with visuals.
- With the derivation of the idea of an urban street and its spaces, the healing of mind of the user has concerned in relation to the architecture and the built environment appears around.
- For the synthesis and discussion, three case studies have identified and described with the theory of spatial healing. But the whole three case studies will not have all the qualities that are expected. By taking all three in to consideration the nature of healing in architecture is discussed.



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